

MOONACHIE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Office of the Business Administrator/Board Secretary

MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING

Robert L. Craig School

Cafeteria

May 25, 2021

Call to order by Board President

Meeting opened at 6:30 p.m.

Roll Call

Members Present: James Campbell

Charles Pallas

Matthew Vaccaro

Edmond Monti

Members Absent: David Vaccaro

Also Present: James Knipper, Acting Superintendent

Laurel Spadavecchia, Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Dana Genatt, Director of Curriculum and Instruction

Connor Kimmel, Board Attorney

Pledge of Allegiance

State of Compliance:

The New Jersey Open Public Meeting Law was enacted to ensure the rights for the public to have advance notice of, and to attend, the meetings of public bodies at which any business affecting their interests is discussed or acted upon. In accordance with the provisions of the Act, the Business Administrator/Board Secretary has caused notice of this meeting to be sent, announcing time and place thereof, and, to the extent known, the agenda of this meeting to the following: Borough of Moonachie and Office of the Superintendent of Schools.

- Acceptance of Minutes of May 12, 2021, Regular session, and Superintendent Report – Attachment 1.1

Motion: Edmond Monti

Seconded: Charles Pallas

Action taken: 4 Ayes. 1 Absent. Motion Approved.

- Acceptance of Correspondence

1. Bergen County School Nurses Association letter of recognition for Donna Gallo – Attachment 1.2

2. MEA thank you letter to the Board of Education for Teacher Appreciation Week – Attachment 1.3

Motion: Edmond Monti

Seconded: Matthew Vaccaro

Action taken: 4 Ayes. 1 Absent. Motion Approved.

- Superintendent's Report

Motion: Matthew Vaccaro

Seconded: Edmond Monti

Action taken: 4 Ayes. 1 Absent. Motion Approved.

Mr. Knipper announced that the roofing project is underway and we will be giving an official cost quote by Tremco shortly. He also announced the Garden of Gratitude project has begun. It's a joint project between RLC and the South Bergen Jointure Commission with the assistance of the Moonachie DPW to honor our First Responders during the Covid-19 Pandemic. Students are painting rocks and writing messages on them to add to the garden and the DPW delivered and spread out soil by the welcome sign and students will begin to help adding plants and flowers. A dedication ceremony will be announced later and he also thanked the South Bergen Rotary Club for their financial assistance.

Mr. Knipper announced that the Governor has lifted some restrictions of social distancing, however it does not yet apply to schools.

Finally, Mr. Knipper thanked the staff and families of the community for their support and assistance in making this another successful year.

- **Students of the Month**

<u>April</u>	<u>Grade</u>
Gabriella Christie	Pre-K
Salome Bayona	2
Mikaela Imasa	8

- **Submission of HIB Cases – May 2021**

<u>Investigations</u>	<u>Confirmed Cases</u>
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- Public Comments - (Agenda Items Only)

In addition, please be aware that employees of this School District retain the right of privacy and shall retain all rights regarding defamation and slander according to the laws of New Jersey. The Board shall not be held liable for comments made by members of the public and, in order to protect the privacy rights of employees in the District, the Board shall not respond to statements made by the public of or about District employees.

2. Finance

Motion: Charles Pallas

Seconded: Matthew Vaccaro

Action taken: 4 Ayes. 1 Absent. Motion Approved.

1. Resolved to approve the Bills and Claims against the Board of Education for equipment, materials and supplies furnished and delivered, and for work performed for May 2021 for a total of \$309,547.89 –Attachment 2.1
2. Resolved to approve the Check Register for the month of May 2021 for \$284,695.99 - Attachment 2.2
3. Resolved to approve the Payroll Check Register for May 15, 2021 for \$103,205.65 – Attachment 2.3
4. Resolved to acknowledge receipt of the monthly certification of the Business Administrator/Board Secretary for May 2021 that no budgetary line item account has encumbrances and expenditures, which total exceed the amount appropriated by the Moonachie Board of Education.
5. Resolved to acknowledge receipt of the monthly certification of the Business Administrator/Board Secretary of May 2021 that no budgetary line item account has been over-expended and that sufficient funds are available to meet the Moonachie Board of Education’s financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.
6. Resolved to approve the budgetary line-item transfers for April 2021 – Attachment 2.6
7. Resolved to accept the Treasurer’s Report for month ending April 2021 – Attachment 2.7
8. Resolved to accept the Report of Secretary to the Moonachie Board of Education for month ending April 2021 – Attachment 2.8
9. Resolved to approve the Blackboard Contract Renewal for website and content management system software and web hosting and unlimited access to template library – Attachment 2.9
10. Resolved to approve the Tuition Contract for Approved Private Schools for Students with Disabilities between the Moonachie Board of Education and Windsor Learning Center for the 2021-2022 school year – Attachment 2.10
11. Resolved to approve the Linkage Agreement between the Moonachie Board of Education and the South Bergen Jointure Commission for the 2021-2022 school year – Attachment 2.11

3. Policy

1. Resolved to approve the following Abolished, Revised and New policies:

P3431.1	Abolished	Family Leave
P4431.1	Abolished	Family Leave
P3431.3	Abolished	New Jersey Family Leave Insurance Program
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P5330.01	Revised	Administration of Medical Cannabis
R5330.01	Revised	Administration of Medical Cannabis
P7425	Revised	Lead Testing of Water in Schools

R7425	New	Lead Testing of Water in Schools
P7430	Abolished	School Safety
R7430	Abolished	School Safety
P2415.01	Abolished	Academic Standards, Academic Assessments, & Accountability
P2415.02	Revised	Title I – Fiscal Responsibilities
P2415.03	Abolished	Highly Qualified Teachers
P2415.05	Revised	Student Surveys, Analysis, and/or Evaluations
P2415.20	Revised	Every Student Succeeds Act Complaints
R 2415.20	Revised	Every Student Succeeds Act Complaints
P4125	Revised	Employment of Support Staff Members
P6360	Revised	Political Contributions
P8330	Revised	Student Records
P9713	Revised	Recruitment by Special Interest Groups

Motion: Matthew Vaccaro

Seconded: Edmond Monti

Action taken: 4 Ayes. 1 Absent. Motion Approved.

4. Personnel

1. Resolved to approve Dana Genatt as Director of Curriculum and Instruction for the 2021-2022 school year – Attachment 4.1

2. Resolved to approve Melissa Plaza as Teacher at step MA/2 for an annual salary of \$56,160 for the 2021-2022 school year.

Motion: Edmond Monti

Seconded: Matthew Vaccaro

Action taken: 4 Ayes. 1 Absent. Motion Approved.

5. Curriculum

Motion:

Seconded:

Action taken:

6. Facilities

1. Resolved to approve the Borough of Moonachie Request for Use of School Property and Facilities for the Summer Recreation Program from June 21 – July 30, 2021 from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Monday through Friday – Attachment 6.1

Motion: Matthew Vaccaro

Seconded: Edmond Monti

Action taken: 4 Ayes. 1 Absent. Motion Approved.

7. Old Business None.

Motion:

Seconded:

Action taken:

8. New Business None.
Motion:
Seconded:
Action taken:
9. Information Items None.
10. Discussion Items None.
11. Public Comments None.
Open: 6:43 p.m.
Closed: 6:44 p.m.
12. Adjournment at 6:45 p.m.
Motion: Matthew Vaccaro
Seconded: Edmond Monti
Action taken: 4 Ayes. 1 Absent. Motion Approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laurel Spadavecchia

Laurel Spadavecchia, Business Administrator/Board Secretary